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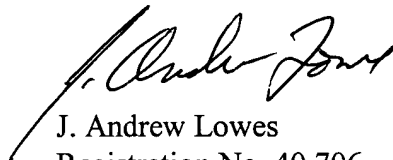
Claim 1 has been amended, claims 2-17 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 18-34 have been added. Claims 1 and 18-34 remain pending in the application. The filing fee has been calculated according to the above-amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 1 by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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IN THE TITLE:

[METHOD OF GENERATING A] CONTROL PROGRAM FOR A DEVICE FOR
PHOTOREFRACTIVE CORNEAL SURGERY OF THE EYE

IN THE ABSTRACT:

In [method of generating] a control program, according to which a laser-beam spot is guided, while being controlled with respect to position and time, over a cornea to be corrected photorefractively, so as to ablate a predetermined ablation profile therefrom, the effect of the angle between the laser beam and the corneal surface on the energy density of the laser-beam spot incident on the corneal surface and/or on the fraction of the laser-beam energy incident on the corneal surface which is reflected away, is taken into account when generating the control program.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The invention relates to a [method of generating a] control program, according to which a laser-beam spot is guided, while being controlled with respect to position and time, over a cornea to be corrected, so as to ablate a predetermined ablation profile therefrom. The invention also relates to an electronic computer and to a device for corneal surgery of the eye, in which a control program generated by means of the method is used.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (once amended) [Method of generating a] A control program, according to which a laser-beam spot is guided, while being controlled with respect to position and time, over a cornea to be corrected, so as to ablate a predetermined ablation profile therefrom,
characterised in that, [when generating] the control program takes into account[,] the effect of the angle between the laser beam (68) and the corneal surface on the energy density of the laser-beam spot incident on the corneal surface [is taken into account].